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Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST (DON-NAVY-2020-000470)

Dear Ms. Aranillo,

We are writing to respond to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of October 15, 2019. Your request was referred to our office on February 4, 2020, where you are seeking the following:

1. *Any and all information provided to Hawaii Electric Industries, Inc. or any of its subsidiary companies including Hawaii Electric Company, Inc. ("HECo") since January 1, 2018, by the Navy including briefings, meetings, correspondence, or in any written or electronic form concerning:*
  - a. *Power supply reliability needs for Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam (JBPHH) or Marine Corps Base Hawaii (MCBH) or any portion of either base;*

Response: The documents that are responsive for NAVFAC Headquarters fall under the pending Request for Quote (RFQ)/Request for Proposal at JBPHH. We are withholding this information pursuant to Exemption 5 under the deliberative process privilege that protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). We have determined that additional information may be maintained by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, 400 Marshall Road, Bldg A-4, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96860-3139. Therefore, we have forwarded this portion of your request to that office for action and direct response to you.

- b. *Requirements, performance, or configuration issues related to any Navy-owned on-base electric equipment involved in supplying electric power to JBPHH or MCBH from any of the on-base (including the Navy Shipyard and all tenant commands, Navy Weapons Station, West Loch, Middle Loch, Waipio Peninsula, Navy Exchange, NAVFAC Hawaii offices, etc.) HECo-owned substations;*

Response: This information is protected for national security reasons and cannot be disclosed. However, information can be released to a down-selected offeror who passes a national security screening, has signed a nondisclosure agreement, and on a need-to-know basis.

- c. *Emergency or backup power supply requirements for JBPHH or MCBH when the public (HECo) grid may not supply power or may not be able to supply adequate power to these facilities;*

Response: This item was answered within the RFQ. The RFQ called for approximately 100MW; however, this could go up to approximately 130MW with new tenants over time.

- d. *Notional site locations on either JBPHH or MCBH for hosting power generation and/or energy storage, including rights of way, easements, access, limitations, or restrictions including physical or security restrictions;*

Response: The sites have been reduced to sites 2, 5, and 6 in the attached documents.

- e. *Types of In-Kind Consideration in lieu of lease payment for any potential or notional site locations at JBPHH or MCBH that have been considered to be made available or otherwise leased to host power generation and/or energy storage, including rights of way, easements, access, limitations, or restrictions including physical or security restrictions.*

Response: This item was addressed with the RFQ: “With a focus on energy security and resilience, the DON expects to seek In-Kind Consideration (IKC) in lieu of cash rents from potential lease(s) in the form of electrical infrastructure upgrades or other proposed measures to increase the energy resilience posture of JBPHH. Specifically, the DON is seeking qualifications from past projects or existing technologies that employ a fast-switching and control design which, during a grid disruption, provides continuous access to reliable and quality power with islanding and black start capability. The generation asset owner and utility enjoy mutual benefit of this design connection, which can reduce or eliminate curtailment with an available and islanded load during times of grid outage. Respondents are encouraged to provide innovative approaches that leverage resilient dispatchable generation and/or storage on the leased premises to increase Installation energy availability during planned or unplanned disruptions. Other potential IKC may be submitted as well in addition to the resiliency requirements described above.”

2. *Any correspondence, electronic, or in written form, from Navy since 1 January 2018, concerning preparation by Navy to publish the pre-solicitation RFQ: JBPHH Preliminary Eligibility Resilient Energy Outlease / Solicitation Number: N62470-RP-19-19253, including but not limited to potential requirements for non-disclosure agreements, the subject of synchronizing the land offering process to align with HECo planning, or other coordination issues between Navy and HECo on the subject the solicitation.*

Response: We have enclosed five documents responsive to this item. The two industry day presentations were presented on the transmission/distribution aspects by

Mr. Marc Asano, Director, Advanced T & D Planning, Transmission & Distribution Planning Department, Hawaiian Electric Company. The generation group was specifically firewalled from planning discussions and attended the industry day as an audience participant. We are withholding all other information pursuant to Exemption 5 under the deliberative process privilege that protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). The Department of the Navy (DON) utilized Federal Contract Opportunities, FBO/FedBizOpps, (now SAM.gov) as the only official site where the Request for Information (RFI) and RFQs are released to the public. The process allows for site visits to the land that is being proposed in the RFI and RFQ, and for the requestors to ask questions. Responses to those questions are uploaded to the site for the public and any potential responders to get the information so that everyone has the same information and competitive opportunity.

3. *Any and all information supplied by NAVFAC Hawaii or NAVFAC Pacific to Hawaii Electric Industries, Inc. or its subsidiary companies including HECO in CY 2013-2104 regarding the power supplied by the HECO substation serving the Beckoning Point degaussing facility on the Waipio Peninsula, including Navy supplied information to HECO to support HECO's preparing its application to the Hawaii Public Utility Commission seeking approval for improvements to the substation to meet Navy operational requirements. (The application was opposed by the Hawaii Consumer Advocate and later withdrawn; Docket 2013-0376 "APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO COMMIT FUNDS IN EXCESS OF \$2,500,000 (EXCLUDING CUSTOMER CONTRIBUTIONS) FOR ITEM P0003215, BECKONING POINT STATCOM.")*

Response: We have determined that the information you are seeking in #3 may be maintained by the Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, 400 Marshall Road, Bldg A-4, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96860-3139. Therefore, we have forwarded that portion of your request to that office for action and direct response to you.

Your fees are waived in this instance only.

You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged, though not required, to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1322 Patterson Avenue, SE, Suite 1000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5065.

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.

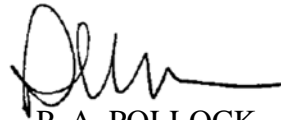
1. Through FOIAonline: Go to <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home/>. Locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search" field), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail: Address your appeal to:

Department of the Navy  
Office of the General Counsel  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

If you have any questions, please contact my FOIA coordinator at abby.machalec@navy.mil, (202) 685-9269. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the DON. For more information, go to <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. A. Pollock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. A. POLLOCK

By direction

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